



# Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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## Excise Police Cite 22 at Brickyard 400

**INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 1)** – Excise police cited 22 people on 23 charges at this weekend’s Brickyard 400 in Indianapolis.

Officers worked in and around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Saturday night and early Sunday morning, focusing primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related crimes.

Sixteen minors (ages 18-20), two juveniles (ages 17 and younger) and four adults were cited for a variety of offenses. Charges included possession of marijuana, illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, furnishing alcohol to a minor and juvenile possession of tobacco.

“Although Excise officers are not as visible as uniformed officers at events like the Brickyard 400, they work with all of the agencies assigned to these events to ensure order and safety,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. “At events where alcohol is prevalent, it is necessary to have aggressive enforcement, so the likelihood of patrons being injured is reduced and order is maintained.”

Those cited will appear in Marion Superior Court on later dates. Both juveniles cited were released to their parents.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. Excise officers enforce all state laws, but focus primarily on alcohol and tobacco violations.

You can now follow the Indiana State Excise Police ([@ExcisePolice](https://twitter.com/ExcisePolice)) on Twitter and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ExcisePolice).

*All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*